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To Whom It May Concern;

I received the complaint filed against our campaign. I believe the issue should be dismissed and settled.

The mistake I made was not observing the correct filing date. After we announced, we went on a speaking tour and I was busy preparing for the Holidays and gatherings. In my mind, we had 30 days to file our statement of candidacy when we became eligible (spent or raised 5k). This 30 day period is the case for a year-end filing deadline. However, much to my astonishment the statement of candidacy asks for 15 days from eligibility date...not 30.

We filed as quickly as we prepared the reports a few days ahead of when we thought they were due.

Our campaign is small for a Senate run (so far) and there was no intent to mislead or deceive the government or our opponent. It was merely a function of having the time to sit down and do the report and realizing the statement of candidacy did not have the same filing period requirement as the FEC-3. It was a mistake...not a willful violation.

I would appreciate the prompt settlement of this issue. I believe a dismissal is warranted as there is no harm to other parties by this mistake. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused. This statement is issued with confidentiality to the FEC.

Thank You-

Todd Watson
Candidate